

REMARKS:

I. Introduction

In the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 3, 7, 8, 10 to 12, 15 and 16. The present amendment cancels no claims, amends claim 1, and adds new claim 17. Accordingly, claims 1 to 12, and 15 to 17 are now pending in this application.

II. Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

(a) The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 3, 7, 8, 10 to 12, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. (US 5,131,194) in view of Cross et al. (US 2,258,973).

The present invention permits the glazing panel to be installed and removed while the window assembly remains installed in a motor vehicle or other structure. Thus, the glazing pane can be replaced without removing anything but the panes (note that the seals or gaskets remain in the frame) so that the pane can be replaced quickly and inexpensively. The lips of the gasket are located outside of the retainer frame in order to accomplish this goal. In contrast, the gasket of Anderson is prevented from flexing by the frame which overlaps the gasket at the channel and the majority of the lip.

Independent claim 1, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because they each include the limitations of "wherein said sections of said perimeter channel each have a lip located entirely outside the retainer frame that together define an opening of smaller size than said glazing opening and said panel, so as to retain said panel in said perimeter channel." No prior art of record reasonably discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by amended claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

(b) The Examiner rejected dependent claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. (US 5,131,194) in view of Gasteuger (US 3,720,026).

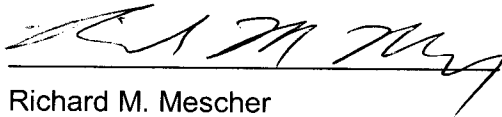
Dependent claim 15 is allowable as depending from allowable independent claim 1 as

discussed above and for novel and non-obvious matter contained therein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3915.

Respectfully submitted,



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